A GOOD BEGINNING MADE BY THE WASH-INGTON JOCKEY CLUB.

FIVE WELL-CONTESTED RACES RUN ON THE BENNINGS TRACK-MANY WELL-KNOWN ?

TURFMEN PRESENT—THE WINNERS. Washington, April 17.-The Washington Jockey

Club opened the legitimate season of racing in the to-day with five well-run races between ct upon the attendance, especially as to women. But the force of "regulars" seemed to be represented, and the familiar faces of racing men the East were numerous. The track, which had been in prime condition, was made a little sticky by last night's rain. It had dried out fairly well in the morning, except in spots. The day was clear, with a chilly wind.

The feature of to-day's card was the Arlington Stake, for two-year-olds, purse \$1,000, at half a mile. Walden's pair, Money Spinner and Juda, were made the favorites, but Cherry Picker's prime pearance made her a strong second choice. Daly also had a following. The result was hardly in doubt, for Cherry Picker quickly ran through he field and apparently romped in a winner. Father Bill" Daly pulled off a good surprise in the opening dash, and fairly startled the "talent," Prompt was as good as 20 to 1 in some books, and on easily. Maud Adams, Harrington and Will Elliott each had a following. The second race, at mile, was conceded to Doggett, and he was only galloping when they went by the wire. gailoping when they went by the wire. Gee Gee was considered as the only one in the fourth by the "talent," but the fact that Burch's Junk had wintered here and shown good form made him nany friends. Gee Gee was almost left at the post, but by strong running finished third. Forget was installed favorite for the jumping race, and his ollowers never trembled after the start. Thackray hung on well, but the favorite's swiftness on he flat and ease over the hurdles made him an any winner. Summaries:

FIRST RACE—Five furlongs.  Prompt, 101 (O'Connor)	5-2 Will
also ran.  SECOND RACE—One mile.  Doggett, 120 (Doggett)	9-10 20-1 25-1 Davis
and Dr. Jim also ran. THIRD RACE-Arlington Stakes, purse \$1,000,	two-
year-olas. Cherry Picker. 112 (Littlefield). 2 Money Spinner, 100 (Sims). 3 Choir Boy. 108 (O'Leary). 3 Juda, Watercrest and Ella Daly also ran.	13-5 7-10 20-1
Juda, Watercree of Trime 1:19.	5-1 12-1 3-5

stx hurdles.

Forget, 138 (English). 1
Thackersy, 146 (Blute). 2
Tom Moore, 149 (Slack). 8

Time—2:59.

Broeck and Buckeye also ran. NOTES OF YACHTS AND YACHTSMEN. George Lord Day's schooner-yacht Fleur de Lys, George Lord Day's schooner-yacht Fleur de Lys, now at Southampton, will be brought back to New-York soon by a crew of twelve men, who will sail on the American Line steamer New-York on April 21. Captain James A. Loesch, formerly of the schooner Republic, will be in command.

Eliment, Loch Giyn, Musketeer, Chief Conlin, Pequo

FIFTH RACE-Selling. One and one-half miles, over

d Take Care also ran.

n R. Drexel's steam yacht Sultana arrived in New-York Harbor last week from Southern waters. The yacht sailed from New-York February 15 with Mr. and Mrs. Drexel and their guests, Miss Randall and Mr. Fellows, on board. In the course of the trip the following ports were visited: Kingston, Curacoa, La Guayra, Trinidad, Barbadoes, St. Thomas and Bermuda.

About one hundred yacht clubs in the United States and Canada will be represented at the conference of yacht-racing associations and yacht clubs which will take place on the afternoon of May 1. The original call for the meeting defines its

May 1. The original call for the meeting object as follows:

"To discuss and determine upon such action as may be considered advisable to effect the adoption of uniform racing rules by the various yacht-racing organizations and yacht clubs of the United States and Canada, and to adopt such other measures as may be deemed desirable to promote the sport of yacht racing."

The opening sail of the Pavonia Yacht Club will take place on Memorial Day. The course will be from the clubhouse in Jersey City to the clubhouse at Atlantic Highlands. On arrival at the Highlands bouse the opening ceremonies will take place.

Frank Bowne Jones, secretary of the Council of the Yacht-Racing Union of Long Island Sound, has completed and published the schedule of the races of the several clubs belonging to the union. The season will be opened by the Huguenot Club on May 15 with a special race for the twenty-foot May 15 with a special classes of catboats. On May class of sloops and all classes of catboats. On May 22 the New-Rochelle Yacht Club will have a special race for the twenty-foot class of sloops and twenty-five and thirty foot classes of catboats.

June 26, Saturday-Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club, annual race, for all classes. June 28, Monday-Stamford Yacht Club, annual

The following is the racing circuit:

regatta, for all classes. June 29, Tuesday-Indian Harbor Yacht Club special race for all classes of sloops and cabin cat-boats thirty feet and under, and special classes of

boats thirty feet and under, and special classes of yawls.

June 30, Wednesday—Corinthian Fleet, annual regatta for sixty-five-foot class of schooners and all classes fifty-one feet and under.

July 1, Thursday—Horseshoe Harbor Club, special races for all classes thirty-six feet and under.

July 2, Friday—Sea Cliff Yacht Club, annual regatta, for all classes fifty-one feet and under.

July 3, Saturday—New-Rochelle Yacht Club, annual regatta, for all classes.

July 6, Tuesday—American Yacht Club, annual regatta, for all classes.

July 7, Wednesday—Riverside Yacht Club, annual race for schooners and all classes of sloops thirty feet and over.

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The racing circuit ends with the Riverside's regatta on July 7.

The last fixture on the programme is for September 18, when the American Yacht Club regatta for all classes will take place.

A NEW STEAM YACHT LAUNCHED.

Charles Fleischmann's new steam yacht, the Hiawatha, was successfully launched last night from the yards of her builders, the Gas Engine and Power Company, and Charles L. Seabury & Co., Consolidated, at Morris Heights, on the Harlem River. Little Miss Winifred Kaltenbach, the nine-year-old daughter of Mr. Kaltenbach, one of the officials managing Mr. Fleischmann's business, christened the Hiawatha. She was becomingly dressed in a blue sailor suit, and broke a bettle of American champagne on the bows of an Americanbuilt yacht with an American name, the owner being thoroughly patriotic, and believing in the enbeing thoroughly patriotic, and believing in the encouragement of home industries. A large party witnessed the launching, many coming from Nyack, which was formerly Seabury & Co.'s headquarters, and others from Yonkers, Morris Heights and New-York, and many of Mr. Fleischmann's relatives and friends attending. The Nyack party returned by special ferry after the launching by way of Tarrytown. The large works of the builders were brilliantly illuminated by electric lights, and the yacht was gayly decorated with fings and Japanese lanterns. Mr. Fleischmann is a resident of Cincinnati, and is a member of the New-York, Atlantic, Larchmont and other yacht clubs. After the launching a supper was served to the entire working force of the yacht builders, about four hundred in number, by the order of Mr. Fleischmann.

PASSAIC RIVER REGATTA.

The date for the twenty-third annual regatta of has been fixed for May 31. The following programme has been arranged: Junior intermediate and senior singles; junior and senior doubles; junior and senior four-oar gigs; intermediate four-oar shell; junior and senior eight-oar shells.

CORINTHIAN STAFF APPOINTMENTS Commodore Browne, of the Corinthian Fleet of New-Rochelle, has made his staff appointments for the season, as follows: E. Hanford Sturgis, fleet captain; Dr. F. H. Boynton, fleet surgeon, and the Rev. Dr. Charles Higby, fleet chaptain.

BOATRACE COURSE NOT YET DECIDED. Another conference between the Poughkeepsle Another committee which has in charge committee and the committee which has in charge the selection of a course for the intercollegiate boatraces was held yesterday afternoon at No. 100 Broadway, in the office of Francis S. Bangs, the president of this year's Regatta Committee. It was expected in interested circles that some defiaction as to the course would be taken at this conference, but after a long discussion a final decontenence, but arter a long understand a final decision was not arrived at, and it will, accordingly, be left for another conference to determine the course upon which the contests will be rowed.

The general impression prevailing in the clubs last night was that the situation has been considerably cleared, and that there is little doubt of the saces being pulled off over the Poughkeepsis course.

As has already been explained in The Tribune, the preferences of the Regatta Committee are decidedly in favor of the Poughkeepsie as against the New-London course. Further, it is generally believed that the controversy which has arisen between the two committees over the provision of adequate facilities: at Poughkeepsie for the convenience and comfort of the crews and spectators will be amicably adjusted before the end of the week.

DALY DEFEATS WHITE.

INTERESTING CONTESTS AT THE ELKWOOD PARK TRAPS.

Long Branch, April 17 (Special).-Of the six differ ent contests decided before the Elkwood Park trape tators so much as the fifteen-bird single shot match between Philip Daly, jr., and Henry White. White prides himself on the fact that has never been defeated in a single-shot match, was compelled to surrender to Daly, who grassed every bird in the match, making many brill-White's only miss was his sixth bird, a any wing shot he might produce in New-Jersey, to shoot a single-shot match of fifty or 100 birds, at \$100 or \$200 a side. Daly refused to accept the challenge. Daly also defeated White in a double-bird match. The crack Long Branch wing shot grassed ten straight birds, but lost his sixth, a left quarterer, out of bounds. White gathered only six. The final contest, a ten-bird race, Ivins and Daly, with nine kills, divided. Ivins missed his last bird. Daly won the initial clay target shoot by breaking ten straight on the new traps.

Daly and McGee shot a fifteen-bird match at Tinton Falls yesterday afternoon, for \$15 a side. Daly won, killing thirteen to McGee's ten. To-day's sumaries: wing shot he might produce in New-Jersey, to

CORNELL'S ANNAPOLIS CREW.

LIGHT MEN PICKED FOR A FAST TWO MILES-

Ithaca, N. Y., April 17.-Especial attention is be ing paid at this time to the rowing of the candidates for the light crew which is to represent Cornell in the race with the Annapolis eight on May This race is to be contested over a two-mile speed in determining who should be put in the training squad. The following combination has been giving general satisfaction: Stroke, Carter; 7, Dalzell; 6, Oddie; 5, Odell; 4, King; 5, Wakeman; 2, Bailey; bow, Stamford; coxswain, Fisher. The following are the records of the men:

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E. B. Carter, '99, mechanical engineering. His home is in Owego, N. Y., and he prepared for Cornell at the Owego Free Academy. He stroked his freshman crew last year, which defeated Harvard, Columbia and Pennsyivania.

W. C. Dalzell, jr., '99, civil engineering. He lives at South Egremont, Mass., His preparation was made at the Robbins School, Norfolk, Conn. He rowed No. 7 in last year's freshman crew.

C. M. Oddie, '99, mechanical engineering. His home is at East Orange, N. J. He prepared at the Stevens School in Hoboken and at Cascadilla Preparatory School in Ithaca. He rowed on the '94 Cascadilla crew, and No. 6 in last year's freshman boat. He played football in his sophomore year here.

M. M. Odell, '97, letters. He lives at Baldwinsville, N. Y., and attended the Baldwinsville Academy before coming to Cornell.

A. C. King, '99, agriculture. He lives at Trumansburg, N. Y., near Ithaca, and prepared at the academy in that place. He rowed No. 4 in his freshman crew. He puts the shot and throws the hammer.

S. W. Wakeman, electrical engineering, He comes

hammer, S. W. Wakeman, electrical engineering. He comes from the Bridgeport (Conn.) High School. He was captain of his freshman crew and rowed at No. 3 last year.

T. L. Bailey, '99, philosophy. He lives in New-York City, where he prepared at the Barnard School. He sat at No. 2 in last year's freshman boat.

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W. B. Stamford, '29, electrical engineering. Ho was prepared at Lawrenceville, and his home is at rand View-on-the-Hudson. He rowed at bow of er freshman crew of last year.

S. L. Fisher, '29, mechanical engineering. He ves in Cincinnati, is twenty-three years old, eight 104 pounds, and is five feet six Inches in eight.

weighs 100 pounds, and a second position of this crew will soon be made. As Cornell starts the season with this race, a victory against the Naval Academy eight would go a long way toward nerving the other Cornell crews for their great struggles in the coming intercollegiate regattas.

FLY-CASTING AT LIBERTY ISLAND.

The first annual casting contest of the Liberty Island Rod and Gun Club was held at Liberty Island yesterday afternoon, with the following re-sults: Striped bass casting, seacoast style, first prize, Dr. E. H. Merritt, 127 feet 1 inch; second, James T. Reithel, 120 feet two inches; third, G. P. James T. Reithel, 129 feet two inches; third, G. P.
Morisin!, 94 feet 11 inches; fourth, W. C. Birdsall,
92 feet 2½ inches; fifth, Howard Houseman, 90 feet
5 inches. New-York Bay style—First prize, Wallace C. Birdsall, 73 feet 2 inches; second, E. H.
Merritt, 67 feet; third, James T. Reithel, 48 feet 7
inches. Special castings—First prize, James T.
Reithel, 127 feet 7 inches; second, Albert H. Baer,
95 feet 1 inches were W. H. Wood, A. T. Meisselbach

ARTHUR F. DENNETT IN TOWN.

SAYS HE WILL NOT ATTACK THE BLOOMINGDALE OFFICIALS. NOR IS HE LIKELY TO GO BACK TO HIS OLD POST.

Arthur F. Dennett, familiarly known as "Angel" Dennett, the former superintendent of the Society for the Prevention of Crime, of which the Rev. Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst is president, is now in this city at his former lodgings, No. 132 East Twentyeighth-st. With him is his sister, who, it is said, has been staying at the Broadway Central Hotel. The fact that Mr. Dennett had arrived in this city was kept secret as long as possible. It was said at Dr. Parkhurst's house yesterday afternoon that he had not called there, and the same answer was made to inquiries at the office of the society,

Fourth-ave, and Twenty-second-st.

Mr. Dennett declined to see callers at his lodgings yesterday afternoon. He told a reporter in the morning that he had not come back to New-York to start a new moral crusade or to attack the officials of Bloomingdale Asylum. He would not talk about Believue Hospital. He said that there was no truth in the report that his derangement had been caused by drugs administered by his enemies. He thought that overwork had caused the trouble. It is reported that Mr. Dennett went to the office of the society late on Friday night, but found it closed. Acting Superintendent Burr said yesterday that Mr. Dennett had never been formally dismissed by the society, but that the Executive Committee had advised him not to enter upon work again, as the committee thought it would be too wearing upon his mind. Fourth-ave. and Twenty-second-st.

ANOTHER SUICIDE AT NIAGARA FALLS. Niagara Falls, N. Y., April 17.—A man about twenty-one years of age accosted a hackman on the American side to-day and asked to be driven to the Canadian side. The hackman drove him upon the upper suspension bridge, and when at about the centre of the structure the man quickly jumped out centre of the structure the man quickly jumped out of the hack, and with the parting words. "Here goes: goodby" leaped over the bridge railing into the abyss below. The hackman saw the man strike with a fearful crash on the field of floe lee that was being carried down with the current, his body quickly disappearing below the ice, not to appear again. The only evidence left by him was a brown derby hat with the maker's name inside, "Hall, Boston."

THE DAMAGE TO THE OREGON. Seattle, Wash., April 17.-There is still some uncertainty as to the extent of the damage to the battle-ship Oregon. There has been some delay in pumping the water out of the dock, and until it is clear a thorough examination cannot be made. The obstruction in the dredged channel has been discovered. It is a bank of sunken piles and hard pan, which evidently has been there for some time and was probably left by contractors. Samples of the obstruction have been forwarded to Washington, and an order for two hull plates to replace those damaged has been sent to San Francisco.

FIRE TIES UP ST. LOUIS CAR LINES. St. Louis, April 17.-The Hamilton syndicate power-house, which furnishes motor power to the Citizens', the Northean Central, Cass Avenue, Union, Baden, St. Louis and Southern and Marcus Avenue car lines, covering the western and northwestern sections of the city, was partially dewestern sections of the city, was partially de-stroyed by fire last night. While the loss on ma-chinery and building will not be more than \$19,000, the roads depending upon it were unable to get any power, and were consequently tied up. For this reason, many thousands of people were compelled to walk to work to-day. It will be some time be-fore the roads get to running regularly again.

NEW GRIP ON CABLE ROAD.

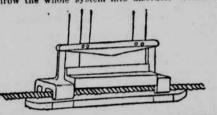
IT IS EXPECTED TO MITIGATE THE DANGERS OF DEAD MAN'S CURVE.

CARS PITTED WITH THE CONTRIVANCE ABLE TO BE STOPPED WHILE ROUNDING THE CORNER AT FOURTEENTH-ST. AND BROAD-

WAY-THIRTY OF THE GRIPS

For several weeks the engineering staff of the Metropolitan Traction Company has been engaged in an attempt to solve the problem of decreasing speed of the cable-cars on the curve at Fourteenth-st. and Broadway. A new grip, which was tried on Friday evening with alleged satisfactory results, and which has already been placed on about thirty cars, will, according to the company's engineer, F. S. Pearson, achieve that long-desired

The difficulties which confronted the inventors of a new grip were many. The company has reundreds of suggestions from persons who ideas, if they had been adopted, would have required a virtual readjustment of machinery along the whole line. This machinery is so complicated that an addition of a single inch on the grip would throw the whole system into disorder.



NEW GRIP TO BE USED ON THE BROADWAY

was to be done at Fourteenth-st, had also to mee along the line. Two years ago, so the Metropoli-tan Traction Company asserts, it spent about \$200,000 in an attempt to introduce a slow cable at Fourteenth-st., but its plans then came to nothing because it was discovered that if a slow cable was laid down at that point the result would be a congestion of traffic as far south as Canal-st.

It was therefore determined to concentrate all

the company's efforts upon a grip which would enable the gripman to keep his hold upon the cable while rounding the curves. With the old grip the cars could not stop on the curves at Fourteenthst, and similar points. What has been required, therefore, the company thinks, since the speed of the cable on the curves is no greater than on the rest of the road, has been some device by which the gripman might let go his grip, stop the car and not lose the cable. The pressure at Fourteenth-st. is about 60,000 pounds, and the cable is so taut that if given a blow with a hammer it sounds like

Other difficulties in the way of a change are or account of the fact that at Fourteenth-st. there is a reverse curve, and an invention that would act perfectly at the turn from Broadway would act perfectly at the turn from Broadway would be useless when used for ears the opposite way. The New-York cable is also, unlike those in other large cities, run on the duplex system, and by an automatic arrangement the cars in the busy part of the day are switched alternately to the right and left cables.

day are switched alternately to the right and left cables.

The new grip is said to meet all these requirements. It is exceedingly simple, though the company's engineers say it is the result of an immense amount of labor and study. It consists merely of an addition to the ordinary grip at both ends, by which the cable is kept in place, and prevented from running loose from the grip at the curves, as was the case before unless the grip was tightened. The gripman is thus enabled to stop the car at any point on the curves, instead of being obliged to tighten the pressure to prevent the cable from slipping. The addition, which is termed by Mr. Pearson the "hook," but which is really a clasp, measures about three-eighths of an inch at both ends. The upper jaw, lower jaw and other parts of the grip are the same as in the old design.

Mr. McDermott, of the Metropolitan Traction Company, said yesterday that it was hoped that the new invention would prove a satisfactory solution of the vexed question of the Fourieenth-st. curve, and do away with further trouble there and also at Fifty-third-st.

THE THEOSOPHISTS CONVENTION.

OF CLERGYMEN TO BE FEATURES OF THE SESSION WHICH OPENS NEXT SUNDAY.

The annual convention of the Theosophical Society in America will open on Sunday morning next, the Concert Hall of the Madison Square Garden. Three sessions will be held on this day, and it will probably take two further sessions on the following Monday to complete the business of the convention. As was the case last year, Monday evening will be given over to recreative purposes as a fitting ending to two days of serious thought. Last year's convention of the society, which was also held in this city, was admittedly worthy in the annals of Theosophy in this country. Fully fifteen hundred delegates and members came to this city from Europe and from all parts of America to attend the meeting. At the gathering on Sunday, however, this number is expected to be easily eclipsed. The society has made such rapid strides in the last twelve months that it is esti-mated that the aggregate number of delegates and their wives and friends will be no less than three thousand.

The arrangements for the convention have not yet been completed, but several features have been definitely decided on. One of these will be a congress of physicians, who will discuss the application of the principles of occultism to medical practice. Among the doctors who will take part in this will be Drs. J. D. Buck, dean of the Pulti Medical Will be Drs. 3. Dr. College of Cincinnati; Jerome A. Anderson, of San Francisco; A. B. Archeson, of Youngstown. Ohio: A. P. Buchanan, of Fort Wayne; William Adkinson, of Indianapolis; W. H. Dower, of Syracuse; G. F. Mohn, of Los Angeles; Thomas R. Docking, of San Diego; J. Henderson, of Columbus, Ohio; Thomas M. Stewart, of Cincinnati, and Allen W. Griffiths, of San Francisco. It is also expected that the numerous clergymen who are allied to the society, and who will attend the convention, will hold a congress and will discuss the best means of promoting

who will attend the convention, will hold a congress and will discuss the best means of promoting from clerical opportunities the principles of universal brotherhood.

The convention will be attended by many prominent Theosophists of Europe. Among them will be Dr. Franz Hartmann, the well-known philosophical teacher of Berlin; Dr. G. Zander, of Stockholm, president of the Theosophical Society in Sweden; Frederick J. Dick, president of the Dublin Theosophical Society; D. M. Dunlop, Editor of "The Irish Theosophist," Dublin; A. E. Russell, Dublin; Herhert Crooke, deputy vice-president of the Theosophical Society in Europe; Dr. Archibald Keightley, president of the Theosophical Society in Europe; Dr. Archibald Keightley, president of the Theosophical Society in England, and Mrs. Keightley; Basil Crump, London; Mrs. Barelay Cleather, Miss Hargrove, president of the Lotus Circle in London; Dr. H. A. Coryn, London; Mrs. Barelay Cleather, Miss Hargrove, president of the Lotus Circle in London; Dr. H. A. Coryn, London; Mrs. Breidy Cleather, Miss Hargrove, Droke, Corona Ministry to the United States; Judge R. W. McBride of the Supreme Court of Indiana; Judge O'Rourke, of Fort Wayne, Ind.; George B. Coffin, Deputy Controller of the Currency; C. A. Jowett, City Engineer of Nashville; Harland P. Pettigrew, of South Dakota; Colonel William M. Ludlow, Staten Island; Lieutenant Dombough, U. S. N., and Colonel Henry M. Hooper, of Brooklyn.

The election of officers, with the exception of president, will take place at this convention. Mrs. Tingley, the esotric head of the society, will read a comprehensive report upon the recently ended crusade around the world, and will also speak upon the future of the "School for the Revival of the Lost Mysteries," the cornerstone of which was lald a few weeks ago at San Diego. Dr. Franz Hartmann arrived in the city vesterday from Austria. He is staying at No. 373 West End-ave.

ASSISTANCE FOR LETTER-CARRIERS Postmaster Dayton has received from the Postoffice Department a favorable reply to his request for authority to assign substitute carriers to assist regular carriers in the first morning deliveries in regular carriers in the first morning deliveries in certain of the large downtown office buildings and also in some of the uptown districts, where the morning mails are unusually heavy. The extra carriers will be required especially on the first two days of each month. The assignments will be made at once, and will insure a more prompt morning delivery in the localities affected than has here-tofore been possible.

CONCESSIONS SECURED IN VENEZUELA. Jacob Schwed has returned from Venezuela, where he secured from the Government for a syndicate or-ganized by Henry Clews & Co. a monopoly of the telegraph, telephone and cable in that country. The concession is for thirty years, and for it the Governconcession is for thirty years, and for it the Government will receive \$150,000 a year and free transmission of its messages. The contract between the Government and the syndicate is to go into effect within six months. The syndicate will take over the present lines, which are owned by the Government, and will build new ones. At the end of thirty years the lines will revert to the Government, which, however, must pay for them at an appraised valuation. The present service is unsatisfactory, and the syndicate expects to improve and extend it greatly.

TO HELP THE ACTORS' FUND.

Pittsburg, April 17 .- Allegheny Lodge of Elks No. 223, the youngest but, with one or two exceptions, the largest lodge in the order, will at its first annual benefit, to be given here on May 18, introduce the innovation of dividing the receipts with the Actors' Fund of New-York, in recognition of the gratuitous services of the theatrical people at Elks' benefits all over the country. Humphreys' No. 10

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LITTLE BUSINESS DONE AT ALBANY

BOTH HOUSES MET ON SATURDAY FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS YEAR.

Albany, April 17.-The session this morning called for 10 o'clock, but the Assembly did not come to order until 10:30. There were then less than thirty members present, and Mr. Roche raised the of order that there was no quorum. Mr Nixon, however, persuaded him to withdraw the point, and the calendar was at once taken up. Baxter announcing that 103 votes had been cast in the affirmative. This raised a laugh, but as the only purpose of having the session to-day was to get in an extra legislative day for the advancement of bills, no one objected.

Mr. Austin by unanimous consent, had his sup plemental bill amending the Greater New-York Charter bill relative to the Municipal Assembly changed so as to apply to any Municipal Assembly hereafter created. This was necessary, because the Greater New-York bill is not yet a law, and so no supplemental bill could be passed to amend

for the expenditure of \$125,000 for the improvement of a part of Bronx Park, New-York, to be allotted to the Zoological Society, and Mr. Matthewson's, providing for the widening of Mott-ave., New-York. The first Saturday session of the Senate was a dismal failure, so far as the transaction of busidismal failure. so far as the transaction of business was concerned. Senator Ellsworth yesterday refused to excuse Senators from attendance to-day, but, notwithstanding that fact, there was not a quorum present at 10 o'clock. There was absolutely no business at hand except the third-reading calendar, and that could not be touched. An hour's time was consumed in the dilatory transaction of what routine business it was possible to dig up in order to allow the Senators in town to arrive, so as to make a quorum, but it was to no numbers.

urpose.
The memorial resolution on the death of Senator allantine, who died four days after the adjourn-

CALENDAR FOR THE LAST WEEK.

BILLS WHICH THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE OF RULES HAB APPROVED.

Albany, April 17.-The Rules Committee of the assembly has arranged a calendar for the final week of the session, and all buts not on it will be dropped. Among the measures contained in it are:

week of the session, and all bals not of the dropped. Among the measures contained in it are:
Senator Martin's, fixing the penalty for arson as follows: First degree, forty years; second degree, twenty-five years; third degree, ten years.
Senator Brackett's, increasing the number of Railroad Commissioners to four.

Mr. Marshall's, providing that when any railroad company in a city of the first class elevates or depresses its tracks for the purpose of discontinuing the use of steam power on the surface of the street it shall retain the right to maintain and operate a street surface railroad on the old roadway.

Appropriating \$100,000 to provide for the construction of buildings on Swinburne Island for the use of the Quarantine of the port of New-York.
Forbidding the New-York Society for the Prevention of Crime to appeal to any court, judge or magistrate for a summons, warrant or other process or mandate for the prosecution of any alleged offender, or to receive or execute the same until the expiration of ten days after such society shall first have made to the Chief of Police or Sheriff a

first have made to the Chief of Police or Sheriff a report.

Providing that the term of office of the present Public Administrator of Kings County shall expire on January 1, 1898, and his successor shall be appointed by the Surrogate, the County Clerk and the Sheriff for six years.

To enable Orrion L. Forrester to take the examination of the State Board of Law Examiners for admission as attorney and counsellor-ai-law.

Making the salary of the Sheriff of New-York \$12,000 a year and giving him fees.

To authorize the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to audit and allow the present Sheriff of New-York club legal expenses as he may be put to, not exceeding \$5,000 a year, for three years after the expiration of his term of office.

Allowing New-York City to purchase the Madison Square Garden.

Mr. Hutton's, providing that the membership of the State Board of Charities shall be increased to twelve, one member to be appointed from Kings County and two from New-York.

RAINES AMENDMENTS IN BLACK'S HANDS. Albany, April 17 .- The Raines Liquor Tax amendments, which passed the Assembly on Thursday. were delivered to the Governor to-day. The measure was handed over to the Statutory Revision Commission, and it is not probable that the Gov-ernor will take it up before Monday afternoon or Tuesday morning.

ANOTHER SHOT AT THE BIG THEATRE HAT Albany, April 17 .- The Assembly Rules Committee has reported favorably the bill of Mr. Koster providing that "any person who in any place of amusement, entertainment or instruction, occupying a seat, shall wear headgear of such proportion and dimensions, or so feathered, plumed, bedecked or decorated as to obstruct the view of persons oc-cupying seats in the rear, and shall refuse to re-move such obstruction after having been requested to do so, shall be liable to a penalty of \$5 for each such offence."

BILLS SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR. Albany, April 17 .- The Governor has signed these

bills:
Senator Ford's, forbidding the distribution of advertising matter in mall boxes in New-York.
Mr. Scherer's, applying to steamboats the provisions of the Hotel Fraud act.
L. E. Brown's, incorporating the Grace Institute, of New-York.
Mr. Mathewson's, authorizing New-York to raise \$150,000 for the Spuyten Duyvil Parkway.

BAPTIST CHURCHES CONSOLIDATED.

THE CONGREGATION OF THE MACDOUGAL STREET CHURCH WILL MARCH IN A BODY TO-DAY TO THE NORTH CHURCH IN ELEVENTH-ST.

Justice Beach of the Supreme Court has signed an order formally consolidating the Macdougal Street and North Baptist churches. To-day the congregation of the former church will proceed in a body to the North Church, in Eleventh-st., near Fourth-ave. The latter church will hereafter be known as the North Baptist Church of New-York City. The Macdougal-st. property, between Spring and Prince sts., will be sold, and the proceeds invested to create a fund for the support of the con-

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FOUND DEAD IN HIS OFFICE CHAIR. Cheyenne, Wyo., April 17.-Dr. J. J. Marston, one of the leading physicians of the State, was found dead in his office chair to-day. Heart disease is supposed to have caused his death. Dr. Marston was an old Army surgeon, having served with Sheridan and Custer in famous Indian campaigns, He leaves a wife in New-York City and a son at Princeton College. MR. ROOSEVELT RESIGNS.

PRAISE FOR MAYOR STRONG'S ADMINIS-

TRIBUTES TO SOME OF HIS COLLEAGUES-EVILS OF THE BIPARTISAN SYSTEM-SUCCESSOR

duties as Assistant Secretary of the Navy to-morrow, sent his resignation as Police Commissioner to Mayor Strong yesterday and took advantage of the opportunity to give expression to some opinions about the police force and the Mayor's administraabout the police force and the stayor's administration. Mayor Strong did not appoint a Commissioner of Police yesterday, and when he left his office in the City Hall late in the afternoon he declined to say if he had made up his mind as to the choice of a man to take the place vacated by Mr. Roosevelt. He intimated that he would appoint Mr. Roosevelt's successor in the Police Board to-morrow, and that the public would not be informed of his choice in advance of the appoint-

The following is Mr. Roosevelt's letter of resig-

Police Department. No. 300 Mulberry-st., New-York, April 17, 1897.

To the Mayor: I herewith tender you my resignature to take effect on April 18, in according the control of the

splendid body of men all that could be made if the Board had one responsible head, with complete power and absolute singleness of purpose to do right.

Again thanking you for having appointed me, and for your treatment of me during my term of service, I am, with much gratitude and great respect, very faithfully yours,

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

WORK OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

To newspaper men, before leaving his office at Police Headquarters, Mr. Roosevelt made the following additional statement;

Police Headquarters, Mr. Roosevelt made the following additional statement:

As president of the Board of Police I have been a member of the Board of Health, and it has been a real pleasure to work with three such men as Mr. Wilson, Dr. Fowier and Dr. Doty, and to have some small part with them in rendering the invaluable service to the city which they have rendered. I know all that they have done, and I can testify to their single-hearted desire to serve the city. During the entire two years I have never known them to do anything that was not dictated solely by an earnest desire to benefit the public, and to do in the best possible manner work which it was necessary to have done. They have to deal with matters literally of vital importance to the city's welfare. They have to handle delicate and complicated interests, and they continually run the risk of incurring dangerous enmities. I want to hear a hearty tribute to the fearlessness, the honesty of purpose and the wise discretion they have shown. The work they have done toward eradicating those noisome pesthouses, the rear tenements, is of such far-reaching importance that people can form but a faint idea of it. In my opinion, this particular work is more important than any other one thing of the many excellent things done during Mayor Strong's administration, and it has been done at the cost of lawsuits for heavy damages, brought against the individual members of the Board in regard to tuberculosis, steadfastiy pursued in spite of all clamor; the effort to get pure milk for the people, to secure proper sanitary conditions in tenement-houses, and the crown of it all. I am tempted to say, the medical inspection of schools just begun by the Boardall these are illustrations of the various kind of work which go to make up the spiendid record of efficiency of the Department. It has been a pleasure to work with a Denartment presided over by so admirable an executive head as Mr. Wilson, and to be able to second and sueed the efforts of his collegue. Dr. Fowler, and

NO MEETING OF THE POLICE BOARD. PARKER AND GRANT STAY AWAY AND MR ROOSEVELT FAILS IN HIS EFFORT TO DIS-POSE OF CERTAIN CHARGES.

Mr. Roosevelt's effort to have one more meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners which he could attend as president for the last time before his departure for Washington to become Assistant Secretary of the Navy has failed, and he will not Secretary of the Naty has been according to the Satisfaction of disposing of certain police matters in which he was greatly interested. On Thursday Mr. Roosevelt directed Chief Clerk Kipp to call a special meeting for 19 o'clock yesterday morning. He was anxious to dispose of the charges against Captain Sheehan, who was tried for failing to suppress policy shops in his precinct and in whose case the negro, Treadway, one of the witnesses against him, has been convicted of perjury. He also desired to bring up the charges agains Detective Waters, who employed Treadway, and to dispose of other charges.

Commissioners Roosevelt and Andrews were at Police Headquarters at the appointed hour yesterday morning and half an hour later the meeting was called, but as Commissioners Grant and Parker did not appear, and as Commissioner Roosevelt had been informed that the other two Commissioners would not be present, he ordered the meeting adjourned.

It was said in Commissioner Parker's office that he was engaged in some law business. Co er Grant telephoned to Headquarters that he could not be down, as he was busy with the arrangements for transferring his father's body to the new tomb. The next meeting of the Board will be held on the regular meeting day, next Wednesday, when Commissioner Roosevelt's successor will be on hand. It is expected that there will be a fight over the election of the president of the Board.

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Secretary Bell of the Police Civil Service Board

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Secretary Bell of the Police Civil Service Board made a report to the Police Commissioners yesterday relative to the arrest of the four men for the theft in the rooms of the Civil Service Board at Headquarters. This is the report:

"I have the honor to report to you the following facts: When the examination papers of the examination held Saturday, April 10, 1857, were taken out of my desk on the morning of Wednesday last by Mr. Dobbs and myself it was at once apparent that the original examination sheets of the applicants who on the examination were numbered 5,865, 5589, 5,772 and 5,785 had been removed and new completed sheets substituted. On the strength of the evidence in my possession I secured from Magistrate Wentworth four warrants for the arrest of the men who had been examined under the numbers aforemnitioned, on a charge of burglary in the third degree. The four men were arrested under the above warrants and are now held for examination to take place Monday, April 19, 1837, at 2 p. m.

"W. H. HELL, Secretary."

Commissioner Parker was at Police Headquarters yesterday afternoon. He said he was unable to attend the special meeting called by Mr. Roosevelt. As to the cases of Captain Sheehan, Detective Waters and Complaint Clerk Peterson, he said:

"I don't see how these cases could have been disposed of to-day. The record in the Sheehan case, which is a very long one, was sent to my office only last Wednesday. Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Andrews have marked it to dismiss the complaint. Neither Colonel Grant nor myself has read the testimony. It will take three or four days to read it. I have never seen the record in the Peterson case, and, as to the Waters charges, Mr. Roosevelt promised to let Colonel Grant know what prima facle proof he had of the charges he presented. He has not done so, and colonel Grant, who is chairman of the Committee on Rules and Discipline, could not make this report."

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so, and Colonel Grant, who is chairman of the Committee on Rules and Discipline, could not make his report."

President Roosevelt left Police Headquarters for good yesterday afternoon shortly after 1 o'clock. A number of Headquarters officials visited his office before he left, and wished him success in his new office. He will start for Washington on the 3:20 o'clock train this afternoon. Before leaving Headquarters, Mr. Roosevelt called on Deputy Chief Cortright to bid him goodby. He did not call on Chief Conlin. however.

As he was about to pass out of the main entrance of the building, Mr. Roosevelt stopped and shook hands with Policeman O'Sullivan, who is stationed in the main corridor. Thinking that the retiring president of the Board wished to enter Chief Conlin's office, to bid him goodby. O'Sullivan started to open the door leading to Conlin's room. Mr. Roosevelt, however, stopped him with the remark: "No, no; I'm not going in there."

O'Sullivan then said that he hoped Mr. Roosevelt would have good luck. Looking at the three service-stripes on the sleeves of O'Sullivan's uniform, designating at least fifteen years' service in the Police Department, Mr. Roosevelt said; "Old man, I will be sorry for you fellows when I'm gone." He then passed out of the building, leaving O'Sullivan in a puzzled frame of mind as to just what he meant by his last remark. It is thought that Mr. Roosevelt meant that the old men in the Department would not be treated as well hereafter as they were when he was a member of the Board.

OPPOSED TO THE BILL.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Civil Service Reform Association, held on Friday evening, the following minute and resolution were

adopted:

The attention of this committee having been called to a bill now before the Legislature of this State, entitled "An act to provide for examinations to ascertain and determine the merit and fitness of persons seeking to enter the Civil Service of the State of New-York and the cities thereof, the ratings upon such examinations and the persons by whom the same shall be conducted," and upon which action is anticipated before the next regular meeting of this Board, it is

Resolved, That, in view of the opicions expressed by this Board at a meeting held April 10, 18%, the officers of this Board be and they are hereby instructed to enter a protest against any such change in the Civil Service as is contemplated by the bill in question.

The resolution was seconded and unanimously

THOMPSON SECURES A NEW BAIL BOND. William S. Thompson, of the Household Publishing Company, No. 56 Bleecker-st., who was arrested here a few days ago for jumping his bail in Chicago, where he was accused of having used the

cago, where he was accused of having used the mails in connection with a swindling bicycle scheme, secured his release yesterday on a new bond.

United States Commissioner Shields approved of the bond offered for Thompson, and the prisoner was released upon the understanding that he will appear before the Federal authorities in Chicago on May 3. Alexander C. MacAuley, an important witness in the prosecution, was released on the same conditions by United States Commissioner Alexander. MacAuley's bond was for \$500.

NEW COMPANY FOR THE 71ST.

new company has been recruited for the net Regiment, and will be mustered in on Thursday evening. The company will be known as Company E, and will be commanded by Charles H. Stoddard E, and well be commanded by Charles H. Stoddard, who is now first lieutenant of Company A. 22d Regiment. The new company will have fity-five men. Dr. Stafford has been appointed assistant surgeon and Lance Corporal Teller has been appointed corporal of Company B. Battalion Quartermaster-Sergeant Murray has been promoted regis mental quartermaster-sergeant.